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SUBJ: AFRIQUE NOUVELLE BANNED

1. THE BASICALLY CATHOLIC WEEKLY MAGAZINE "AFRIQUE NOUVELLE" PUBLISHED IN DAKAR, HAS BEEN BANNED IN DAHOMEY BY AN EDICT SIGNED BY PRES KEREKOU. FOR PAST TWO MONTHS THE MAGAZINE HAS PROVIDED A FORUM FOR THOSE OPPOSING THE KEREKOU REGIME, PARTICULARLY THE SUPPORTS OF DR EMILE DERLIN ZINSOU. IT HAS PUBLISHED COPIES OF ANTI-KEREKOU TRACTS AND LETTERS WHICH HAD BEEN CLANDESTINELY CIRCULATED AROUND COTONOU. THE MAGAZINE'S FORMER CORRESPONDENT IN COTONOU, ALEXIS GNONLONFON, LEFT DAHOMEY ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO, BUT STILL HAS A GOOD PIPELINE INTO OPPOSITION CIRCLES IN THE COUNTRY.

2. FOR LOME: EMBASSY IS WRITING PUBLISHER TO CHANGE ADDRESS ON OUR SUBSCRIPTION TO READ: AMEMBASSY COTONOU, S/C AMBASSADE AMERICAN, B.P. 852, LOME, TOGO. WOULD LIKE YOU TO PUT MAGAZINE IN YOUR WEEKLY POUCH TO US. REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE AND CONFIRMATION THAT ABOVE ADDRESS IS CORRECT.
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